

The Sinclair QL

Sinclair																
F1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	-	=	£	\	
F2	ALT	Q	W	E	R	T	Y	U	I	O	P	[]			
F3	CAPS	A	S	D	F	G	H	J	K	L	;	"	ENT			
F4	SHIFT	Z	X	C	V	B	N	M	,	.	/	SHIFT			QL	
F5	CTRL	+	+									↑	↓	ALT		

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100 REMark +-----+
110 REMark +      QL draw routine      +
120 REMark +      APR 18, 1988          +
130 REMark +      by Bob Schubel        +
135 REMark +      CIS 71320,262         +
140 REMark +-----+
150 :
160 DATA '-', '=', CHR$(96), CHR$(92)
170 DATA 'Q', 'W', 'E', 'R', 'T', 'Y', 'U', 'I', 'O', 'P', CHR$(91), CHR$(93)
180 DATA 'A', 'S', 'D', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'J', 'K', 'L', ';', ''
190 DATA 'Z', 'X', 'C', 'V', 'B', 'N', 'M', '.,', '/', ''
200 :
210 WINDOW 512,256,0,0:PAPER 2:CLS
220 CSIZE 3,1:STRIP 0:INK 7,2
230 AT 3,4:PRINT' The Sinclair ';;ql:PRINT ' '
240 OVER 1:UNDER 1:INK 4
250 AT 3,5:PRINT FILL$( ' ',15)
260 PAPER 0:INK 7:OVER 0:UNDER 0
270 SCALE 400,0,0:INK 7:CSIZE 0,0
280 REMark draw_ql_at 0,240
290 outline 0,240
300 AT 11,4:PRINT'Sinclair'
310 AT 16,74:PRINT'QL'
320 CURSOR 26,123:PRINT'F1'
330 CURSOR 56,123:PRINT CHR$(127)
340 CURSOR 26,135:PRINT'F2'
350 CURSOR 57,135:PRINT'ALT'
360 CURSOR 26,147:PRINT'F3'
370 CURSOR 53,147:PRINT'CAPS'
380 CURSOR 304,147:PRINT'ENT'
390 CURSOR 26,160:PRINT'F4'
400 CURSOR 56,160:PRINT'SHIFT'
410 CURSOR 293,160:PRINT'SHIFT'
420 CURSOR 26,172:PRINT'F5'
430 CURSOR 53,172:PRINT'CTRL'
440 CURSOR 302,172:PRINT'ALT'
450 b=75:C=123
460 FOR I=1 TO 9,0
470 CURSOR b,C:PRINT I
480 b=b+19.2
490 END FOR I
500 b=269:RESTORE
510 FOR I=1 TO 4
520 CURSOR b,C:READ A$:PRINT A$
530 b=b+19.4
540 END FOR I
550 b=84:C=135
560 FOR I=1 TO 12
570 READ A$:CURSOR b,C
580 PRINT A$
590 b=b+19.4
600 END FOR I
610 b=90:C=147
620 FOR I=1 TO 11
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630 CURSOR b,C:READ A$:PRINT A$
640 b=b+19.4
650 END FOR I
660 b=98:C=160
670 FOR I=1 TO 10
680 CURSOR b,C:READ A$:PRINT A$
690 b=b+19.4
700 END FOR I
710 CURSOR 89,171:PRINT CHR$(188)
720 CURSOR 108.6,171:PRINT CHR$(189)
730 CURSOR 264,172:PRINT CHR$(190)
740 CURSOR 282,172:PRINT CHR$(191)
750 PAUSE 60
760 draw_q1_at 0,240
770 BLOCK 2,4,21,184,244
780 BLOCK 2,4,355,184,2
790 BLOCK 2,4,420,184,2
800 SCALE 100,0,0:STOP
810 :
820 DEFine PROCedure draw_q1_at(x_pix,y_pix)
830 LOCAL h_lines,KEYSs
840 FOR h_lines=0 TO 6
850 LINE_R TO 475,0
860 IF h_lines<6:POINT_R -475,-19
870 END FOR h_lines
880 LINE_R TO -22,0 TO 0,114 TO 22,0 TO 0,-114 TO -453,0
890 LINE_R TO 0,95 TO 20,0 TO 0,-95
900 LINE_R TO 6,0 TO 0,95 TO 19,0 TO 0,-19 TO 9.5,0 TO 0,-19 TO 5,0
910 LINE_R TO 0,-19 TO 9.5,0 TO 0,-19 TO -9.5,0 TO 0,-19 TO 19,0 TO 0,19
920 LINE_R TO 19,0 TO 0,-19 TO 133,0 TO 0,19 TO 19,0 TO 0,-19 TO 19,0
930 LINE_R TO 0,19 TO -9.5,0 TO 0,19 TO 9.5,0 TO 0,19 TO 14,0 TO 0,19 TO 19,0
940 LINE_R TO 0,-19 TO -18,0:INK 0:LINE_R TO 18,0:INK 7:LINE_R TO 0,-57
950 LINE_R TO 15,0 TO 0,-11 TO 0,125 TO 0,-19 TO -5.5,0
960 FOR KEYSs=1 TO 7
970 LINE_R TO 0,-19 TO -19,0 TO 0,19 TO -19,0
980 END FOR KEYSs
990 LINE_R TO 0,-19 TO 9.5,0
1000 FOR KEYSs=1 TO 6
1010 LINE_R TO 19,0 TO 0,-19 TO 19,0 TO 0,19
1020 END FOR KEYSs
1030 LINE_R TO 0,-19 TO -14,0
1040 FOR KEYSs=1 TO 5
1050 LINE_R TO -19,0 TO 0,-19 TO -19,0 TO 0,19
1060 END FOR KEYSs
1070 LINE_R TO 0,-19 TO 9.5,0
1080 FOR KEYSs=1 TO 5
1090 LINE_R TO 0,-19 TO 19,0 TO 0,19 TO 19,0
1100 END FOR KEYSs
1110 END DEFine draw_q1_at
1120 :
1130 DEFine PROCedure outline(x_pix,y_pix)
1140 INK 0:FILL 1
1150 POINT x_pix,y_pix
1160 LINE_R TO 465,0 TO 0,-11 TO 10,0 TO 0,-114 TO -10,0 TO 0,-11
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1170 LINE_R TO -465,0 TO 0,136 TO 0,-11
1180 INK 7:FILL 0
1190 POINT x_pix,y_pix
1200 LINE_R TO 465,0 TO 0,-11 TO 10,0 TO 0,-114 TO -10,0 TO 0,-11
1210 LINE_R TO -465,0 TO 0,136 TO 0,-11
1220 END DEFine
1230 DEFine PROCedure ql
1240 INK 7,4:PRINT 'QL':INK 4
1250 END DEFine ql
1250 END DEFine ql

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1988 Aug 04 15:27:56
raml_ts88720a_lis
880721.1813;; 251_WORDS;;
(T)imeLinez/SincLink;;
(S)hareware_File;; FILENAME::
ts88720a;;

TS2068 Joystick Quad Drwg. Pgm.
(c)1988 by Mark Wahl @
LogOn/SV_BBS(408)745-0880. May
be freely copied for
non-commercial use. For
commercial use, contact author..
This program was created in
response to Gertie Andersson's
880620 request for information
on the use of the TS2068
Joysticks. It demonstrates the
use of the STICK command on the
TS2068 by dividing the screen
into 4 quadrants and drawing in
all four quadrants at the same
time. Push the FIRE button to
erase..

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100 REM 880720.1537;; STICK
command demonstration..
110 LET x=10: LET y=10
120 PLOT x,y
130 LET z= STICK (1,1)
140 LET w= STICK (2,1)
150 IF (z=5 OR z=9 OR z=1) AND
y<175 THEN LET y=y+1
160 IF (z=8 OR z=9 OR z=10) AN
D x<255 THEN LET x=x+1
170 IF (z=6 OR z=2 OR z=10) AN
D y>1 THEN LET y=y-1
180 IF (z=6 OR z=4 OR z=5) AND
x>1 THEN LET x=x-1
181 IF w=1 THEN INVERSE 1
182 IF w=0 THEN INVERSE 0
190 PLOT x,y
195 PLOT 256-x,176-y
196 PLOT x,176-y
197 PLOT 256-x,y
200 GO TO 130

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The Syntax of the STICK command
is:

pos=STICK(dev,player)

Dev is either 1 for the joystick
itself, or 2 for the button.

Player is 1 for the left and 2
for the right joystick port.

Pos is either 0(down) or 1(up)
for the fire button, or for the
joystick:

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      ^
    5 1 9
  <  4 0 8  >
    6 2 10
      v

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PLAYING WITH ELECTRICITY

- Mar 26/88
- Harvey Taylor

What the hell is a modaptor anyway?

One of my greatest disappointments with the QL when I originally got it was the serial ports. When I discovered I couldn't just hang a garden variety modem off the serial ports, I was po'ed to say the least. I have written in the past about the reasons for these problems, however in brief the serial input for both ports is multiplexed onto one serial input on the 8749 IPC [Intelligent Peripheral Controller] which has to watch the keyboard & make noise & keep time as well. Consequently the serial port has a tendency to drop characters now & then.

Another consequence of this arrangement is that the programmer does not have direct access to the device which controls the serial parameters. ie Data bits [5-8], Stop Bits [1-2], & Parity [none, even, odd, mark, space]. You can ask QDOS to ask the 8749 to change the Parity & Baudrate, however the internal ROM of the 8749 is forever (?) hidden from the programmer. If you're driving a printer, this doesn't much matter. However if you want to get input from a modem in North America, problems arise. One problem is that just about every BBS in the world expects you to use 1 Stop Bit. The QL expects you to use 2 Stop Bits. The Modaptor is a hardware device that gives you two stop bits. It also serves the function of generating a 75 Baud output signal from a 1200 baud output signal. I have not looked at this function because it is only used in the UK with Prestel & those systems which expect the 1200 baud receive/75 baud send protocol.

I have heard of people getting modaptors with the part numbers defaced so that reverse engineering is impossible. For some reason mine came readable. This is the circuit.

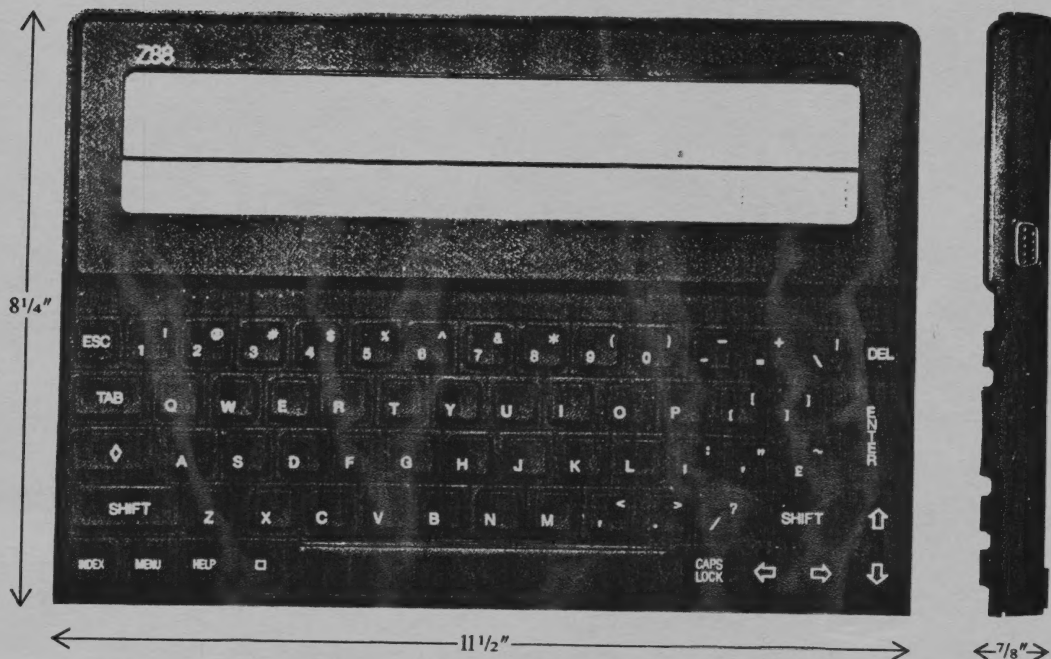
These are the other connections between the QL & the modem

QL [SER2]	CONNECTIONS	MODEM [DB-25]
1 - GND	-----	7 - GND
2 - TxD	-----	2 - TD
3 - RxD	-----	3 - RD
4 - nc		
5 - nc		
7 - Tied to QL Pin 1		
9 - +12v	-----	4 - CTS
9 - +12v	-----	20 - DTR

Note that the QL User Guide in Concepts I Communications RS-232C Page 13 J refers to the British Telephone connectors used in Europe, not the DB9 connectors used in NorthAm. The DB9 pins 6,7,8 are tied to frame ground.

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THIS COMPACT.



THIS POWERFUL...

- The most portable full-function computer ever devised.
- Less than an inch thick, measures 11 1/2 in × 8 1/4 in. Weighs under 2 lb.
- Comes complete with integrated set of powerful applications software: word-processing, spreadsheet, database, calculator, diary, calendar, clock, alarm, printer editor—all included in ROM.
- Can export, import and manipulate data from IBM-compatible PCs; converts its own applications software into Wordstar or Lotus 1-2-3 files.

- Extra memory comes in solid-state, interchangeable packs—only 2 1/8 in square × 3/8 in deep. No fragile disks, no bulky disk drives.
- 32K of RAM built in, expandable to over 1.5 megabytes now, and 3 megabytes soon—enough to hold the complete works of Shakespeare.
- Permanent storage on EPROM (Erasable Programmable Read Only Memory) packs, available in 32K, 128K and 512K. 1 megabyte packs coming soon.
- Latest supertwist liquid crystal display provides large working area of 8 lines × 80 characters.
- RS232 port provides connection to virtually any standard printer.
- QWERTY keyboard has silent, short-travel keys; use in meetings, lectures, anywhere.
- Runs on four AA batteries. Built-in capacitor preserves data when batteries need to be changed.



THIS CAPABLE!



Z88 Technical Specification

Design Four-chip design—CPU, ROM, RAM, gate array.

CPU Z80 (CMOS).

ROM 128K containing operating system and applications software together with BASIC/Assembler.

RAM 32K expandable via 32K, 128K, 512K and 1 megabyte to a maximum 3 megabytes, battery-backed from the computer.

EPROM Up to 3 megabytes removable storage capacity via 32K, 128K, 512K and 1 megabyte packs.

Applications software Pipedream word-processing and spreadsheet applications. Database. Calculator, diary, calendar, clock, alarms, printer editor, come as 'pop-down' screens.

Operating system OZ operating software, allows task-switching between applications without loading or exiting.

Language/Assembler Powerful BASIC.

Display 8 x 106 characters 'supertwist' LCD. Includes 8 x 80 working area, page map (shows where you are on a complete page), battery strength, alarm status.

Power 4 AA batteries provide 20 hours active computing or one year on standby.

Ports Three for memory-pack expansion, RS232 for popular printers and data import/export.

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Z88 Accessories

RAM Packs Require no external power, and are available with 32K, 128K, and 512K capacity. 1 megabyte RAM packs available soon.

EPROM Packs Solid-state permanent storage, available in 32K, 128K and 512K. 1 megabyte EPROM packs available soon.

EPROM Eraser Z88 EPROM Eraser, completely deletes EPROM data—leaves you with a blank EPROM pack, ready for re-use.

PCLINK Consisting of software diskette and RS232 serial cable, allows transfer and receipt of ASCII files between the Z88, and an IBM or compatible PC. Also converts Z88 Pipedream files into either Wordstar or Lotus 1-2-3 files. Links for other PCs available shortly.

Serial Printer Cable connects the Z88 to any printer with a standard serial port.

Parallel Printer Cable connects the Z88 to any printer with a standard parallel port.

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SUITE 262

SAN JOSE, CA 95121

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880726.1740;; 183_words;; (T)IMELINEZ/SincLink;;
(S)hardware File;; Filename:: ts88726a (rscable);;
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QL to PC Clone Cable & Software by Mark Wahl & Terry Greenlee..

RS232 Cable Design

QL				PC Clone
1	Green	└ GND	GND└	1
2	Red	└ TxD	TxD└	2
3	Blue	└ RxD	RxD└	3
4	Yellow	└ DTR	CTS└	4
5	Orange	└ CTS	RTS└	5
6	N.C.			6
7	Black	└ GND		7
8	N.C.			8
9	N.C.			9-19
			└ DTR	20
				N.C. 21-25

Brown(20), White(8) and Purple(8) are tied together.
The rest of the connections are pin to pin.

Connect to SER1 at QL, and to COM1 at IBM.
At the QL, enter and run this program:

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10 BAUD 1200
20 OPEN #4;ser1r
30 PRINT INKEY$(#4);
40 PRINT #4;INKEY$;
50 GOTO 30
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After the program is running, type on the IBM:

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MODE COM1: 1200,n,8,1,p
CTTY COM1
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If a A>,B>,C> or something similar appears on the QL screen, the cable works.

Try typing DIR and Control-M on the QL to get a Directory of the IBM disk drive.

To return control of the IBM, type

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CTTY CON
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>From squid!david Mon Jun 6 22:33 CDT 1988 remote from occrsh
Date: Mon, 6 Jun 88 22:33:14 CDT
Message-Id: <8815722CF2@squid.UUCP>
Subject: nukes

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Single board Nuclear Reactor supplies stand-by power for 12 years! Now available on a full-length plug-in card for the IBM, or compatible, the QBX-1 nuclear reactor card provides back-up power for up to 12 years. When the card senses a power failure, explosive charges (bolts) eject moderator and control rods from the reactor interior, within 20µsecs, bringing the reactor to it's fully rated output of 20Kw, in less than one (1) millisecond! Over it's 12 year active life, the reactor's power decreases by 25%, to 15Kw. Integral heat fans provide convection cooling of the reactor's 500W power dissipation while the reactor remains in "stand-by" position. If your computer cannot furnish the 400ft per second of forced air for cooling, consider buying the manufacturer's heavy-water cooling jacket and stainless steel pump module, which fits conveniently under a desk, or workbench. Latches on each side of the reactor module let you quickly swap the radioactive core, should you need to replace it. An optional circular viewing port of lead glass lets you view the reactor's internal assemblies, & also functions as a ten (10) million candlepower nightlight.

To protect users from undue radiation, each card contains a shielding kit, comprised of five (5) self-adhesive lead plates, and 20 radiation-monitoring film badges. The lead plates mount to the inside of your computer enclosure, insuring the reduction of harmful gamma rays, which cause soft errors to floppy disks and RAM data. For more protection, consider the manufacturer's 200' extension cords for monitors and keyboards.

Because the card can supply more than enough power for the standard computing station, you can sell the excess power to your utility company, as provided by law. An add-on phasing and metering kit (PMK-1) lets you connect your reactor to the local power grid. Each PMK-1 kit includes standard power sale contracts and Rural Electrification Board rules & regulations.

Although not required everywhere, each reactor includes a standard 23-volume site evacuation plan. The plan includes forms, to allow you to register the name and address of your reactor site with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. As an option, the seller supplies the plan on MS-DOS compatible diskettes, in Wordstar format. User-friendly templates let you type in the data allowing your word processor to create a complete, printed document.

Reactor prices start at twelve (12) million dollars (US). Please allow six (6) years for delivery. (Prices do NOT reflect union considerations, or include cost over-runs.)

Please mail your cashier's check, or money order, with payment in full, to: Nukes R Us, P.O. Box U-235, White Sands, NM 43210

(shamelessly stolen from the TECH echo)

--- Sirius 0.50

* Origin: Best of both worlds: ihnp4!occrsh!squid!david aka (1:19/1)

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Dennis Krill	8808
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Stuart Ree	8808
Howard Sheppard	8808
Loren Latker	8807
Bill Strick	8807

GUTS/SV (7)::

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Dave Means	8808
Jim Wheeler	8808
Troy Cook	8808
Courtney Cain	8807
Keith Felix	8807
Maynard Unruh	8807

1988 Aug 09 12:57:02
 flpl ts8808_lis
 880809.1251:: 1026 WORDS::
 (T)TIMELINEZ/ (S)inLink::
 Filename:: ts8808 (ts8806)::
 Descriptions:: (2)

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 Information..

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We are working on TS2068,
 Spectrum and TS1000 disk
 systems. We are also working on
 other popular disk systems (PC
 Clone, C64/128). If you are
 interested in these, contact::
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 c/o Bill Miller, (408)253-3175..
 6675 Clifford Drive..
 Cupertino, CA 95014-4530..

1988 Aug 08 15:54:24
fip1_sc8806a7.lis

BB0808.1432;; 371 Lines;;
(S)LI;; (C)ontacts;;
Filename: sc8806a7 (sf88) (2
Pages);;

SLIX Contacts BB07 (18);:

* BB0730/TCW_UG_TS_SIG meeting
at Stanford.

Dick Delp gave a presentation on
'Arbitrary Precision
Arithmetic' and distributed an
MS-DOS 360K disk (msdisk3.lis,
65 files) containing the C
Source Code for a program
(MIRACL) to work with Arbitrary
Precision Arithmetic..

* BB0728.1430..1444/Call from
Randy Baker;; (415)594-0115..
Randy is looking for a
'consultant' to help him with
some TS1000 and Apple
'Laserwriter/ Postscript'
projects..

We suggested posting a 'help
wanted' notice on the LogOn
BBS's..

We also suggested contacting
Mark Wahl (Laserwriter/
Postscript) and Mike Furman
(TS1000) via the LogOn
Sunnyvale BBS at
(408)745-0880..

Randy reports he got some
response to his previous
requests for help in TIMELINEZ/
Sinclink. He also promised to
send the TS1000 XMODEM terminal
program instructions and a
description of his TS1000 and
Laserwriter projects..

* BB0727/GUTS/SV meeting,
attendees (10): Joel Fitch,,
Stanley Rosner;;
(201)679-2321;; 5 Everly St.;;
Old Bridge; NJ;; 08857;; Bill
Miller,, Mark Wahl,, Carl
Rink,, Mike Furman and his Dad,
Jeff,, Terry Greenlee,, Don
Elliott,, and Steve Nichols..
Stanley was visiting friends in
the area and learned about our
meeting from the San Jose
Mercury News. He has a TS1000,
TS2068, and a QL with 5.25in
720K Drives and 640K RAM..

Joel Fitch had the keyboard fail
on his TS1000. We were able to
provide him with a TS1000
Schematic from the TIMELINEZ
Notebook..

Terry Greenlee demoed a 'DanCad'
'Boblet' on his Toshiba 1100+.
He is trying to make it as fast
as the one in 'View-3D'..

Carl Rink reported on his trip
to Europe where he saw mostly
'Amstrad' Computers in shops
for sale..

Don Elliott still hasn't
received his Amstrad portable
back that he sent back under
warranty for repair..

Steve Nichols reported on the
C64/128 Compiler he is
writing..

Mike and Mark weren't able to
transfer files between the

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*** Cosmopolitan Hotel

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*** Rod Gowan;; (503)655-7484

Mon.- Sat. after 12:00 Noon..

*** BBS (503)656-8072, 8,1,N..

*** Tim Woods;; (503)824-2658..

* BB0702/TCW_UG_TS_SIG Meeting..

* BB0702/Letter from Brian
Boatright;; (ACD)TEL-NUMB;;
504 Eley Road;; Eglon AFB;;
FL;; 32542..

Brian found out about us from
Computer Shopper. He says he
recently purchased a TS1000 and
is interested in information
about the TS1000 our User Group
might have..

Brian:

First of all, we must apologize
for taking so long to answer
your letter. As you can see
from the attached TIMELINEZ/
Sinclink BB01-6, quite a few
folks are still interested in
the TS1000. Most of the TS1000
information seems to be in
TIMELINEZ/ Sinclink issues from
1982 to 1986. These are
available for \$1 each. You may
wish to order some of them. The
9412 issue has an index to the
8307 to 8411 newsletters. You
may wish to order it first. We
look forward to having you as a
member!..

BB0719.0831;; sc8807;; END..

BB0705.0928;; 3744 WORDS;;
(S)LI;; (C)ontacts;;
Filename: sc8806 (ta88527a)
(858 Lines);;

SLIX Contacts BB06 (30);:

* BB0630/Postcard from Joan
Kealy..

Joan says she is 'hitting the
road' on BB0630. She has
cousins in Santa Rosa, so will
be passing thru our area. She
plans to stop and try to attend
our meeting(s). She says she
has never been to a TS User
Group Meeting. We hope she

408-745-0880..

Bob Orrfelt demonstrated the
FDD-3000 he got to complete his
documentation of the TS2068
Timex Portugal/ Zebra Disk
System..

Terry Greenlee and Mark Wahl
demonstrated redirecting the
I/O of an MS-DOS machine
(Osborne 3) to the Serial Port
of a QL to use the QL Display
instead of the Osborne LCD (an
\$89 RGB adapter for MS-DOS)..

* BB0628/Catalog Sheet, CDK-52,
Controller Design Kit ...\$259;;
The Claytronics Corp.;; Overton
Clayborne;; 707-554-9903;;
Chief Cook & Bottle Washer;;
P.O. Box 7293;; Vallejo;; CA;;
94590;; USA..

* BB0628.1202/Note to Tim
Swenson..

Tim: We don't have any dues
record for you. If you could
afford to pay dues, it would
help the group. If you can't,
don't worry about it, the
articles you contributed will
probably mean you will get many
future issues of TIMELINEZ/
Sinclink on an exchange basis.
Thanks for the articles! Keep
them coming! Would it be
useful for us to try to send
the newsletter to you as a
QUILL file on QL Microdrive
Cartridge which you could send
back with articles (in addition
to the paper newsletter)?..

* BB0627/Catalog sheet from A+
Computer Response;;
603-847-3373..
QL System ...\$89..

* BB0627/GNU's Bulletin BB06,
From Mark Wahl From USENIX;;
Free Software Foundation;; c/o
;; 617-876-3296, Internet?;
gnu@prep.ai.mit.edu;; -;; 675
Massachusetts Avenue;;
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* BB0625/The Computer Workshop
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Claus Wiebe demoed an Amiga
program to move the Amiga
Operating System (called
Workbench) to a RAM Disk..

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Thanks for your interest, hope
we can add you to our
information exchange!..

* BB0617.1245/Call from Tom
Santos;; 408-943-6870;; 404 E.
Plumeria Dr.;; San Jose;; CA;;
95134..

Tom found out about us from
Computer Currents. He works at
Radius and inquired about the
Cambridge Computer 288. He
already has a portable Mac,
Toshiba 1100+, and Tandy 100
(he's a portable computer
person). He is looking for a
U.S. source for the 288. We
suggested Sharp's at
804-746-1664..

Tom: Hope you can attend one of
our meetings as described in
the attached TIMELINEZ/
Sinclink BB01-6. I have also
attached a copy of a 288 review
from Computer Currents
BB0517-30 page 31..

* BB0616/Visit by Andy
Hradskey..

Andy delivered several items for
TIMELINEZ/Sinclink records,
including a postcard from Joan
Kelly reporting she is storing
most of her computer gear and
'hitting the road' in a travel
trailer and plans to attend the
upcoming TS Fests:..

* BB0806-7;; Portland, OR;
Cosmopolitan Hotel;; Contact:
RMG Enterprises, 503-655-7484..

* BB0826-27;; Lakewood, OH;
'Beck Center for the Arts';;
Contact: James B. DuPuy,
216-661-4105..

Joan: Hope the attached TSBB01-6
gets to you before you leave.
Hope you have time to spend a
few days at 6675 Clifford
Drive. We have attached a
Good luck in your travels!..

* BB0615/TSEBZUG meeting,
attendees (7): Warren Tucker,
Bill Miller, Mark Wahl, Fred
James, Alvin Lam, John Ezike,
Kevin Zimmerman..
Thanks to Warren Tucker for
renewing his subscription and
for his additional \$5 donation.
Warren also returned TS2068
DATAFILE to the software
library (he couldn't get it to
load). He would also like
information on how to 'WD-40'
his QL keyboard..

* BB0611/TCW UG;; Carl Linden
reports on 'Prodigy', an
information service which is a
joint venture of IBM & Sears,
available for IBM PC, IBM
compatibles, or Apple II..
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FROM THE MARCH '88 QZX
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BITS AND BYTES

115 Here is a note about the Z80 CPU used in the T/S 1000. The original Z80 had 8 pull-up resistors, R38 - R42 going to pins 7,8,9,10,12,13,14,15. All were 10K. Someone thought it needed them. But the Z80A and Z80B do not and they can cause trouble. The suggestion is to get rid of them. The Zilog manual makes no mention of any being required.

116 A tip from G4NWB through SARUG in Great Britain was written for the Spectrum but will probably apply to the T/S 2068 too. While transmitting RRTY on a TS430 it was noticed that the mic gain control was getting very hot. It turned out that there is an integrated mic amplifier immediately after the gain control and it was getting cooked. The problem was solved by inserting a 2.7 K ohm resistor in the live side of the input lead from the Spectrum and 50 ohms in the ground connection. That is, both resistors in the lead from the Spectrum mic socket to the mic input plug on the rig. The output from the Spectrum can peak to 3 volts although the rig is only expecting a few millivolts at the microphone input. Other rigs may have similar circuitry so it might be well for users to look at their circuit diagram before transmitting. These remarks probably apply equally to CW or SSTV too.

117 A bug in the ROM of the T/S 2068 causes the INTEGER function for (-65536) to give the incorrect result of -1. For other cases where the result should be -65536, it gives -1E-38. Because the bug is in the ROM, there is no correction.

118 Monitor tips for the QL. The NEC Multisync works well and has magnificent color (also very expensive). The MGA Mitsubishi TV/RGB monitor works without any sync problems. It does have overscan on the F1 mode but works ok on the F2 (TV) mode.

119 The break key on the T/S 2068 does not always work when a program goofs up. Sometimes, if you put any audio into the cassette port and then hit the break key, the K cursor will appear.

FROM THE FEB. '88 PLCTTER
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STRING\$

STRING\$ is a BASIC command used by some BASIC languages and is not the same as STR\$. Knowing its meaning is necessary for SINCLAIR BASIC replacement.

STRING\$ is used to create strings made up of the same character in graphics, as for borders. You define the character and the desired number of repeats.

SINCLAIR BASIC replacement for 10 B\$=STRING\$(32,"-") is :

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100 LET T$="": FOR N= TO 32: LET T$=
T$+"-": NEXT N: LET B$=T$.
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FROM THE JAN/FEB '88
DETROIT AREA T/S N/L.

DISK DRIVE TIP

The Zebra & JLD disk drive both use the Western Digital WD 1710 controller chip. This is a great chip but hard to find. It's recommended you get a spare; since this is the brain of your disk drive.

JAMECO sells it for \$11.95

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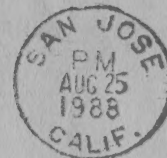
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